

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, prenumbered lines 7-9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This document is a continuation of U.S. application serial no. 09/698,031 filed on October 30, 2000, and is based on Japanese patent application No. 11-309412 filed in the Japanese Patent Office on October 29, 1999, the entire contents of each of which are incorporated herein by reference.